(b) whether Government propose to extend the line onwards off Rishikesh to the holy shrines in view of (i) the border area having become sensitive resulting in troops movement (ii) visit of a large number of Indian pilgrims from different parts of the country to Badri-Kedarnath and (iii) the development of the backward hilly areas of Garhwal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Reconnaissance Survey conducted in 1920s, the length of the N.G. line was about 161 km. More details are not available.

(b) Construction of this rail line in difficult mountaineous terrain involving very heavy investment is not proposed at present.

Attendants in A.C.-I AC-II and First Class Compartments

899. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of conductors and attendants who worked in A.C-I, A.C.-II and 1st class compartments of superfast trains during the last financial year;

(b) what had been the number of conductors and attendants of upper classes with the number of superfast trains during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(c) the details of facilities and allowances provided to the running staff of superfast trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information regarding number of conductors and attendants in A.C.-I, A.C.-II and First Class Compartments of Superfast trains as on 31.3.86, 31.3.87 and 31.3.88 is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Information is being collected from the Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Teaching of Urdu in States which have not implemented three language formula

900. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of States which have not yet implemented the three language formula and where Urdu speaking people constitute a considerable portion of the population;

(b) what action has been taken by Government to make these states implement the three language formula; and

(c) what is the position of Urdu in these States where the Urdu speaking people constitute a considerable portion of the population and where the three language formula has not been implemented and whether there are adequate arrangements for the teaching of Urdu at all levels of education in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Three Language Formula for teaching of languages in schools has been recommended in the Education Policy Resolution, 1968 and reiterated in the National Policy on Education, 1986. The Government of India has been urging the States/Union Territories from time to time to faithfully implement it. However, the school education is looked after primarily by the State Governments. All the States have, in principle, accepted the Three Lan-

guage Formula except Tamil Nadu which is implementing a two language formula. In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, in Pondicherry and Karaikal, the two language formula is implemented whereas in Mahe and Yanam three language formula is implemented. Assam has accepted the three language formula but subsequently it has taken up a review of arrangements for teaching of languages.

(c) In States/UTs consisting of a considerable population of Urdu speaking people, Urdu can be offered either as first, Second or Third language. According to the information received from the States/UTs, in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar and West Bengal, Urdu can be offered as 1st language, while in the States/UTs of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi it can be offered as 3rd language. In the States of Karnataka and Maharashtra Urdu can be offered as both 1st and 2nd language. Urdu can be offered as 1st and 3rd language in the States/UTs of Jammu & Kashmir. Madhya Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. School education is primarily looked after by State Governments and it is for the State Government to provide necessary facilities for teaching of the Urdu language.

Allegations against the Director and Senior Officer of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta

901. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta, have recently made certain serious allegations against its present Director and other senior officers after indulging in various acts of corruption; and

(b) if so, what are those allegations and what steps the Government have taken to find out the truth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Several complaints have been received in this Ministry against Dr. S.R. Islam, Director, National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta whose depuation term has since expired on 31.3.1988 but is still continuing on the strength of a Stay Order issued by the High Court, Calcutta. Some allegations have also been received against the Administrative Officer. These are being examined. Further course of action in regard to the complaints will be decided in due course after ascertaining the full facts from the Institution.

Suspension of the Director of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta

902. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Director of National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta was suspended from Service and proceeded against on the charge of indulging in corrupt practices; and if so what is the present position in the disciplinary proceedings against him;

(b) whether it is also a fact that allegations of corruption have also been made against the present Director of the same Institute from various sections namely M.Ps, Press and the Public including the employee of the Institute; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to free this national institution from the ills of corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The previous Direcor of National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta Dr. N. R. Chakravarty was placed under suspension with effect from 10th March, 1986 following allegations regarding his involvement in various irregularities in conducting the affairs of the Institute. These allegations have since been investigated. The